

BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on February 14, 2012, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. The minutes from the prior meeting of the Council were approved without change or correction.

Don Bixby of Territorial Engineering was then present and reported to the Council on the progress of the lift station project. He presented two change orders to the Council. The first was Change Order #5, that extended the contract time. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to approve Change Order #5, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council. Change Order #6 deleted a storm inlet at a reduction in contract price of \$681.00. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to approve Change Order #6, which motion was seconded again by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

Pastor Mark Cottrill next appeared before the Council and explained that his church was planning to do a farmer's market, starting in the spring on church property and lasting into the fall. The Council was very encouraging to Pastor Cottrill and thought that this was a good project for the town.

The town attorney then reported to the Council that a snag had arisen in the proposed agreement with Mediacom and the Praegers and their attorney only want to release the town and Mediacom for payments or other claims that may have occurred since the time they owned the property involved. The town attorney recommended that the Council approve this change. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to accept this modification to the settlement agreement with the Praegers and Mediacom, which motion was again seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on her meeting with Mr. Carter of Umbaugh & Associates on the Center Street project. She said that his suggestion was to raise utility rates, rather than try to have a refinancing of the bonds. He indicated that the bonds must be held for 10 years before they could be refinanced without penalty. The Clerk-Treasurer said that she would continue to work with Mr. Carter on a solution to this situation.

The Council then considered filling the opening on the Zoning Board. It was indicated that Bill Keyser was willing to continue to serve on the Zoning Board, so Member Wattenbarger moved to reappoint Mr. Keyser to the Zoning Board, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved.

Chief Bill Martin then appeared before the Council and asked about starting the process of replacing one of the police cars. He indicated that he wanted to start ordering

equipment and attachments for that new car, since it sometimes took longer to get those in then it did to get the car itself. The Council asked him to have quotes on these items to present to them at the next meeting. Chief Martin also presented his monthly report to the Council for January.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and reported on the recent water testing that was done through IDEM. He indicated that the tester said that it was no longer necessary for the town to add floride to their water. Mr. Shoda indicated that withdrawing the floride from the water supply would save the town several thousand dollars each year. The Council asked him to get more information, pro and con, on whether floride was a necessary addition to a municipal water supply and make report to the Council at the next meeting.

Roger Terry then appeared before the Council and reported on the progress with respect to the signage grant. He also submitted a proposed paving list to the Council. The Council indicated that it may be necessary to wait until it was seen what repairs needed to be made to streets from the various projects going on about the town, before coming up with a final paving listing. Mr. Terry and Mr. Shoda then reported to the Council about the trees that needed to be taken down on Park Ave. because of the storm drainage project. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to allow Gregg McManis of G & B Company to remove the four or five trees needed to be taken down so the project can go forward. Mr. Terry was asked to contact property owners where the trees were located and indicate to them what was being done.

The Clerk-Treasurer then appeared before the Council and reported on the request of the County Historical Society for a donation from the town towards a traveling Civil War exhibit that the Society expects to bring to the Matchett Center sometime this summer. The Council decided to donate \$50.00 towards this event. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that the Historical Society wanted to use the park pavilion for 2-3 weeks in May while they prepared for the Elizabeth Marshall auction that was coming up over Memorial Day Weekend. After discussion, Member Wattenbarger moved to rent the park pavilion for the weeks the Historical Society wanted in May at a flat rate of \$100.00 per week, subject to the Historical Society assuming all liability for property and persons coming upon town property for use of the park pavilion and holding the town harmless from any liability for the use of the park pavilion. This motion was then seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer then proposed to the Council that she be allowed to spend up to \$6,000.00 to purchase new Christmas decorations for the town. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to approve the Clerk's proposal, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

Mr. Terry again appeared before the Council and inquired about the possibility of an ordinance requiring town residents to return their trash containers to where they are kept to make it easier for the town to plow streets during the winter. It was noted that the Town of Argos has an ordinance that prohibits the trash containers from being left street-side at all times and providing a fine for people that set out their containers too early and fail to remove them from the street after their garbage has been picked up.

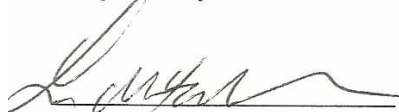
The Clerk-Treasurer then reported to the Council that she was exploring a program to partner with Goshen Hospital for a preventative medicine program for town employees. The Council approved her entering the town into the program at no cost to the town or its employees on motion of Member McFarland, the second of Member Hanley and unanimous approval of the Council.

Member McFarland then reported to the meeting on what contributions the town makes each year to the local little league program. He also announced that an agreement had been reached by the little league director and the operator of the concession stand at the park and asked that the Council approve this agreement with Mr. and Mrs. McBride. Member McFarland then moved that the agreement be approved, which was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

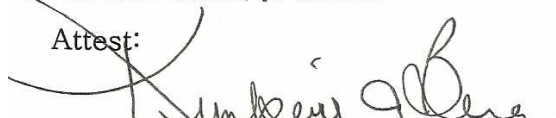
Member Hanley then asked if one of the town buildings could be modified so that town employees could change oil and do other minor maintenance on town vehicles so that this work would not have to be sent out to private businesses to perform. Mr. Terry indicated that they were exploring the possibility of how to modify a town building for this purpose and that they would try to accomplish that in the near future.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:


Les McFarland, president

Attest:


Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer